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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone steady to mostly fully steady on hens and toms with hens showing the most strength. Demand mixed ranging from light to good, best for deferred shipments. Interest noted on fresh hens for the upcoming holiday. No sales reported for whole birds. Offerings light to adequate. Domestic parts trading seasonally slow mainly due to Lent.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The trade sentiment generally steady to fully steady on parts and meats for export. Demand mixed. Most interest noted on thighs and drums to Mexico. Trading light for export markets as most take a wait and see attitude until after the upcoming holiday period.



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	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	64-65.5	65	65.00	280	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	64-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	64-65.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	61-63.5	61	61.00	240	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	61-62.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-63.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-62.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-63.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 14 MARCH 2000.

Undertone mixed on destrapped tenderlons with premiums noted on fresh for prompt shipments and discounted offers noted on frozen from current production. Tom breast meat undertone steady to weak, mostly steady to barely steady. Demand for destrapped tenderlons and tom breast meat light to fair. Trading light on all items. Offerings of tom breast meat uneven ranging from light to ample, destrapped tenderloins light to instances available.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		R	102.00	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	149.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	23.00-28.00		24.25	144
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	25.00		25.00	240
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	22.00		22.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	20.00-25.00		20.77	120
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		M	25.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	23.00		23.00	10
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	35.00	10
NECKS, TOM	14.00-18.00		15.62	58
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	162.00		162.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	176.00-180.00		177.50	240
THIGH MEAT		F	63.00	20
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	64.71	140
BREAST TRIM MEAT	112.00		112.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		F	72.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	160.00		160.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		F	157.90	200
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	43.32	62
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	16.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	16.50-17.00		16.67	240

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		M	24.18	144
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	20.12	356
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS	16.00-19.00		17.30	92
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	16.00	120
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	65.00		65.00	200

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	82-90
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	88-90
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	68-72
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	66-68
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	69-72

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
TURKEYS Y HENS	93-105
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	93-105
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	93-105
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	93-105
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	94-105

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Undertone generally steady on skin added mechanically separated turkey, however, some spot weakness is noted on frozen from new production. Bulk parts undertone steady to fully steady on 2-joint wings with trading noted at higher price levels for late March through April shipments, balance about steady. Demand light to fair. Trading light. Offerings of bulk parts light on 2-joint wings, balance generally adequate. Mechanically separated turkey offerings adequate to instances fully adequate.

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BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 03/15/00

<u>POULTRY HEALTH BOARD</u>		ACCUMULATED	
SEASON	HEAVY	HEAVY	ALL
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30	WHITE	WHITES	BREEDS
1999-2000	-	227,481	227,831
1998-1999	42,675	382,299	382,579